A Full and True

ACCOUNT

OF THE

Late Brave ACTION

Perform'd by the

Inniskilling-Men,

AND SOME

ENGLISH and *DUTCH* Forces;

Under the Command of Coll. *WOSELEY*,

AGAINST

A Great Body of the *Iriſh*, under the Command of the Duke of *Berwick*, at the Town of *Cavan*.

Being the Subſtance of a Letter from *Cheſter*, *February* 24.

LICENS'D, *February* 26. 1690.

SIR,

YOU have, I ſuppoſe, before now, heard the Particulars of our Engaging the *Iriſh* at *Dundalk*, which now proves to be altogether a Miſtake; for here arrived a Ship this day from the North of *Ireland*, with ſome Paſſengers, amongſt whom was Collonel *Sankey*, who brings the following Account: That Collonel *Woſley*, with the *Inniskilling*-men, ſome *Dutch*-men, and part of M. G. *Kirk*'s Regiment, being at *Belturbet*, and the *Iriſh*-Army in and about *Cavan*, which is about ſome eight miles diſtance; *Woſley* drew out his Men about Four of the Clock in the Afternoon, which conſiſted not of a-

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bove Twelve hundred at the moſt; and marching towards *Cavan*, thought to ſurprize that Place the next Morning, there being about a Thouſand Men therein. But the Enemy having notice of our approach, fir'd their Beacons; and when *Woſley* came up in the Morning; he unexpectedly found Four thoutand *Iriſh*, under the Command of the Duke of *Berwick*, ready to receive them; which was no ſmall ſurprize to him: But he had then no way but to engage the Enemy, which he did with Eight hundred Men, leaving Four hundred as a Reſerve, leſt they ſhould be defeated in the firſt Engagement; with which firſt Number he put the Enemy to the Rout, and beat them quite out of *Cavan*. But when the hurry of the Battel was over, our Soldiers were ſo eager for the Prey, that they fell immediately to Plundring the Town of *Cavan*: Of which the Enemy having ſome notice, rally'd, and return'd again upon our Forces, who were at that time ſo very intent for their Plunder, that they could not, without much difficulty, be brought together; ſo that had it not been for the Reſerv'd Men, we ſhould have been quite loſt: But the Collonel with them fell in the ſecond time upon the Enemy, and gave them a total Rout. The Duke of *Berwick*'s Horſe was ſhot under him in this Action, and He himſelf through the Thigh. We took of the Enemies Party three Captains, two Lieutenants, and two Enſigns, and kill'd about Three hundred of their Men; After which, we burnt the Town, and all their Stores, there being a vaſt quantity of Proviſions and Forage in it. If we had not attacqu'd the Enemy at that time, they deſigned to have fallen upon us with Ten thouſand Men; which Deſign being happily fruſtrated, will, we hope, be a means to diſcourage their whole Army. I am

Your Friend and Servant,

L. W.

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